

IAATE UK Symposium 23-25th September 2025

TUESDAY 23RD

TIME	PRESENTER	TALK
0900	Lacey Zeno – Point Defiance, IAATE President	Open Symposium
0905	Nicky Plaskitt – Shaping Behaviour, IAATE President Elect	Welcome and Housekeeping
0915	Lacey Zeno – Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium IAATE President	From Confusion to Confidence: How to Get your Training on the Right Path
0945	Sarah Loudon – RZSS Edinburgh Zoo	Blue's Story: Training a caracara for free flight
1015	Cassie Malina – Awesome Animal Solutions	Slow Down to Speed Up
1045	Break	
1115	Guest Speaker BRIAN MATTHEWS	
1215	LUNCH	Provided
1330	David Trebus – Best Behaved Birds	The Power of Choice - Free Operation in Captive Birds
1400	Marion Nicolas – Animale Therapie	Stress' impact in free flight presentations
1430	The Hawk Conservancy	TBC
1500	BREAK	
1530	Wild Zoological Park	TBC
1600	Maria Barbosa and Tiago Miguel – Zoomarine Algarve	Filing for success: How Lara's story highlights the importance of medical training for animal welfare
1630	Holly Cale – Horstmann Trust	Beating Blasted Bumblefoot
1700	END OF DAY	

DINNER ON OWN, SOCIALISING IN THE HOTEL BAR

WEDNESDAY 24TH

Meet in Hotel Lobby (tbc) at 0845 for Zoo Day

Coaches leave the Hotel at 0900 for Wild Zoological Park

10am – teas/coffees on arrival

Free time in Zoo

1045 – Wild Wonders (mixed taxa show)

Walkthrough habitats open – Macaw Kingdom, Lorikeet Landing, Lemurs

1130 – Dinosaur show

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1230 – Wings of Wild Bird Show

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1330 – 1415 Lunch (provided)

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1415 WORKSHOPS: (check your name tags if you can't remember what you signed up for!)

1415 – 1500 – Egg Repair and Practical Incubation Techniques

1500 – 1545 – Backpack fitting

1500 – 1600 – Telemetry

1630 Coach departs for the hotel. (Time TBC)

THURSDAY 25TH

TIME	PRESENTER	TALK
0900	Nicky Plaskitt	Welcome and housekeeping
0905	Ari Bailey – Natural Encounters	Get Out of the Way and Let the Behavior Happen
0935	Jessica Ray – ZSL London Zoo	From Protocol to Penguin: A New Approach to Humboldt Penguin Husbandry
1005	Sophie Barnett – Best Behaved Birds	A Comparative Overview of Parrot Training and Husbandry Challenges in Zoo and Companion Environments
1035	BREAK	
1100	Corrine Hoverd-Millar – ZSL Whipsnade Zoo	Voluntary Nebulisation for Javan Green Magpies
1130	Tom Clark – Hertfordshire Zoo	Husbandry and Breeding of Black hornbills
1200	LUNCH	
1315	Laura Mejia – WWT Slimbridge	Understanding Play in Birds: A Tool for Welfare and Training
1345	Clara Corbett and Iwan Matthews – The World Parrot Trust	The Kiwa Centre: The story of 100+ rescued parrots
1415	Naomi Johns – The Bird of Prey Project	Managing a Bird of Prey Centre in the UK: addressing the why and expanding the scope for high standards
1445	Nicky Plaskitt – Shaping Behaviour	No time for a training session? No problem!
1515	BREAK	
1545	IAATE Board	Training Panel
1645	General Raffle	
1700	End of Day	

1930 – Delegate Dinner, Conservation Raffle, High Flyer, and Close of Symposium.